

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van(Sanrakshan E�am Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL), Telangana for non-forestry use of 2.85 hectares of forest in the Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division for installation of Submersible Pumps & Sand Stowing Plant at **Padmavathi Khani** No.5 Incline, in the Telangana State regarding (Online Proposal No.FP/TG/Others/33641/2010).- Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 41

Dated: 22-08-2024

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyd., Lr.No.13972/2010/F1,Dt:26.5.2013.
2. State Govt. letter No.4182/For.I (1)/2013, Dt.17.8.2013.
3. GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi, F.No.8-277/1985/ FC(Vol.), Dt.22.06.2018.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Ref.No.FC4/FC29/48/2022, Dt:18.03.2023.
5. Govt.Lr.No.4182/For.I(1)/2022, dt:17-04-2023.
6. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC(Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi, Dt:11.07.2024.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL), Telangana for non-forestry use of 2.85 hectares of forest in the Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division for installation of Submersible Pumps & Sand Stowing Plant at **Padmavathi Khani** No.5 Incline, in the Telangana State regarding (Online Proposal No.FP/TG/Others/33641/2010).

2. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests Government of India, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for according necessary approval.

4. In their letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van(Sanrakshan E�am Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL), Telangana for non-forestry use of 2.85 hectares of forest in the Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division for installation of Submersible Pumps & Sand Stowing Plant at **Padmavathi Khani** No.5 Incline, in the Telangana State regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/TG/Others/33641/2010), under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- ii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over non-forest land within three years from date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified DFL;
- iii. The State Government shall ensure that a copy of the notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section of the local forest Act, shall be submitted to the Ministry for records within 6 months from the date of this approval and the forest land shall be handed over to the User Agency only after the said notification.
- iv. The State Government shall upload the Kml Files of the area under diversion and the accepted degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency;
- v. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the National Authority CAMPA under intimation of this Ministry;
- vi. The User Agency will ensure that all the compensations, as per the norms and rules of the State Government to the affected persons shall be paid prior to handing over of forest land to the User Agency;
- vii. The State Government shall ensure that forest area nearby shall not be encroached upon due to implementation of the project;
- viii. The State Government shall ensure that the minimum number of trees/plants/poles in any case not more than mentioned in the applied forest area will be removed and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- ix. The State Government shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar GPS co-ordinates;
- x. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xi. The State Government shall ensure the user agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department;
- xii. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiv. No Labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area. Labour management plan should be implement with emphasis that no labour camp be set up in the close vicinity of the eco-fragile and sensitive areas;
- xv. The sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;

xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

xvii. Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 is amended and the Rules framed there-under;

xviii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;

xix. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;

xx. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surroundings area;

xxi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies. Department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;

xxii. The State Government shall ensure that the compliance report of the approval is uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

xxiii. Any other condition that the ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and User Agency;

xxiv. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the State-I approval letter dated 22.06.2018 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, complete compliance of the FRA and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Orders (S) and NGT Order(S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xxv. The violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.16 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F.No. 5-2/2017-FC Dated 29.12.2023.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

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The Inspector General of Forests(C),Suboffce, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad,
Regional Office, Chennai, 6th Floor, Aranya bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Chairman & Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company
Limited, Singareni Bhavan Red Hills Hyderabad.

The Director, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests and
Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
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